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Drats Information Centre Opens

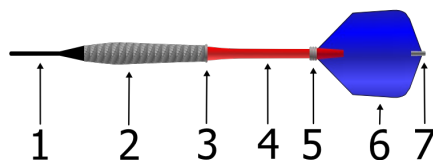


The Hours is proud to announce the opening of Abbeycwmhir's own Drats Information Centre. Pop in and see a state of the art interactive display outlining the history of drats. (fact: did you know drats was invented by Florence Nightingale?) Try on a drats outfit and get the feel of what it's like to actually be a drat. Buy all your drat needs: drat themed Christmas cards, drat keyrings and even drat biscuits. Relax in the Drat Café with a cup of tea and some of Karen's own lemon drat cheesecake (it's a bit sharp). Learn drat technique with resident drat experts Wilbur and Orville Powell, who will not only show you how to hit the dratboard, but also how to add up your scores so you never lose! Entrance is £3 for adults, £57 for children.

Rules of Drats

1. Wait until it's your go.
2. Point the drat towards the dratboard – sharp bit outwards.
3. Let it go.
4. If you hit the board, cheer, if you miss, go for a quick pee.
5. Drink someone else's beer.

What's the Point?



Philosophers have worried over this question for centuries. From Socrates in Ancient Greece, to Jake Beeryman in Ancient Trousers, all have asked the same thing: just what is the point of it all? Now, however, thanks to drats, it can be answered. The point is for helping the drat stay in the dratboard. Also called the tip (1), the drat is also made up of the barrel (2), the O-ring (3), the shaft (4), collar (5), flight (6) and the protector (7). This is all so fascinating, I can't imagine why anyone would want to bother with anything else. Which is just as well, because no one does.

Drats Entertainment

This is the first Abbey Hours for some time. Until now we've had nothing to celebrate, but this month we have a very good reason to be cheerful: the Happy Union will be hosting a record breaking several hundred drats competitions. John the Union (who knows nothing about any of this) has initiated at least thirteen new teams. There's the first team, of course, who know which way to point the drat, the second team, who point the drat in the right direction three out of every four attempts, the women's team, who throw drats as well as crockery, and the spoilt children's team, who throw tantrums. Yes, there's a drats team for everyone, and a drats match every day of the week. Hurrah! There isn't, as yet, a drats team for people who don't like drats, or who just want to have a drink and fine, drat-free conversation.

Varieties of Drat



the blue drat – cultivate that cheap toyshop look to lull your opponent into a false sense of superiority.



Sidewinder – when you think you might lose.



Jar of pickled onions. Not accurate, but gets explosive results.

Drats Quiz: Answer this question and win the accolade of Drat Egghead 2009. What pop band, led by Den Hegarty, had hits including "Daddy Cool" (1977) and "It's Raining" (1978)?

Next Abbey Hours – The Pickled Union Edition!